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**VIA ECF & EMAIL**

The Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

**Re: United States v. Qawon Allen, No. 19-cr-128 (NGG)**

Dear Judge Garaufis:

We write on behalf of defendant Qawon Allen to request an additional two weeks to file our response to the government's motion to disqualify our office as counsel. We also request that the May 4, 2023, oral argument date be continued two weeks, to a date on or after May 18 convenient to the Court.

We make this request because we need additional time to prepare our response to the government's motion. In the two weeks since the government moved to disqualify our office, Mr. Allen has met several times with his appointed *Curcio* counsel, James Branden. Today, Mr. Branden informed us of how Mr. Allen would like to proceed. Now that Mr. Allen has been independently advised about the potential conflicts and has made his decision about our office's continued representation of him, we can respond to the government's motion. We anticipate needing no more than two weeks to do so.

We have discussed this request with counsel for the government, who have no objection.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
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